

August 8, 2007

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Due by Thursday, August 16, 2007)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of QWEST CORPORATION for Commission Approval of Stipulation Regarding Certain Performance Indicator Definitions and Qwest Performance Assurance Plan Provisions; Docket UT-073034*

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information from Qwest Corporation in the form of the following bench requests in the petition filed in Docket UT-073034:

TO: QWEST CORPORATION:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

Please describe whether the Stipulation or any portion of the Stipulation at issue in this docket is the result of any Regional Operating Committee (ROC) sanctioned collaborative discussions. If so, please identify the topic of the specific ROC discussions, the date the discussions occurred and the state commission staff participating in the discussions.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 2:

Please describe how Qwest notified staff of state commissions in Qwest's 14-state local service territory of the discussions and negotiations to modify performance indicator definitions (PIDs). Please provide copies of the original and any follow-up notifications to state staff about the process or results of negotiations.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 3:

The Stipulation contains a performance indicator definition (PID) reinstatement/removal process that proposes to remove 14 PIDs from Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) payment obligation upon approval. Eleven of the 14 PIDs require Tier 2 payments. Please describe, in detail, the specific effects of the retroactive provision of the Section I.E. of the Stipulation, including the effect on competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) subject to the QPAP, the calculation and payment of Tier 1 and Tier 2 payments, and the ability of state commissions to order reinstatement of PIDs.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Thursday, **August 16, 2007**, with an original and **five (5) copies**. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl at 360-664-1144, or via e-mail at arendahl@utc.wa.gov.

Please provide your response to each request on a separate sheet of paper and repeat the bench request at the top of the page on which the response begins. Also, please indicate on the response the date the response was prepared, the individual who prepared the response, and the telephone number of the preparer. Please send your response via U.S. Mail to: Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties